



Special Services in February

Please take note of these special services and holy days of obligation in February.



February 2: (Tuesday) The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Throughout the generations, this feast of our Lord has been known by a variety of names and has multiple significances in the life of the church. The primary focus of this feast centers on the ancient requirement that every firstborn son was to be dedicated to God as a reminder of God leading the children out of bondage in Egypt.

At the present, the church focuses on the witness of Mary and Simeon and Anna as prophetic voices connecting the “Old and New Dispensations.”

This feast is sometimes known as Candlemas and is the service where the candles used in the liturgies throughout the year are set apart.

This year we will note both aspects of this feast with a Service of Light, to commemorate Candlemas as a part of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the Feast of the Presentation.

We will gather in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2.

February 10: Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is one of the two Fasts appointed by the church and is listed as a special day of observance in our Calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and our preparation to enter into the Sacred Mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday: 12 noon (Chapel) and 7 p.m. (Church).

February 24: The Feast of St. Matthias

“And they cast lots, and the lot fell on Matthias.” We read this passage in the Book of Acts recounting the selection of Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the 12. We commemorate his Feast on February 24 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

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March Deadline

Monday, February 15

Office Hours

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Closed

Monday, February 15

For President's Day



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Right beginnings that last a life time



“And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.”(BCP 265)

If we listen closely we can hear the reverberation of Christmas carols waving forth into these cold days of winter. Yet, here I am beginning a reflection with words from the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Is it possible? Is Lent so quickly upon us? Yes, it is. Our Season after the Epiphany is truncated due to Easter’s early arrival this year (March 27). There’s no time to linger; the desert awaits; the cross awaits; the glory of that first Easter morn awaits.

Ash Wednesday sets in motion the Forty Days of Lent: forty days to “make a right beginning of repentance”; forty days to “mark our mortal nature”; forty days to “kneel before the Lord” who made us and redeems us; forty days. Yet, I sometimes wonder if the concentrated focus on the Forty Days of Lent as a period of repentance and recognizing our mortality, and kneeling before the Lord allows us to “check the box” for this for the entire year.

Now don’t get me wrong there is a lot of truth and merit to the worn out slogan “we are Easter people.” That is true: we are Easter people -- how faith draws its true hope and joy from the resurrection. We live in the truth that “death is conquered; we are free, Christ has won the victory” (Hymn #82); however, we see this truth more clearly through the lens of repentance, recognizing our mortal nature, and kneeling before the Lord.

While we do not dwell in Lent, we need not compartmentalize Lent either: relegating it to something that just happens rather than something that impacts our lives – something that stays with us, underpinning the joy in which we live.

Lent awaits; let us not linger. Let us kneel before the Lord who made us and saved us so that in our standing on Easter we will not only know whose we are but how it is we got there.

Faithfully,



2016 Lenten Program

Walking to the Empty Tomb

This year's midweek Lenten supper and Program will focus on pilgrimage. There are many ways to understand pilgrimage: getting from point A to point B, seeking spiritual renewal; simply living life aware of the fact that nothing remains the same. In this 5-part Lenten study, we will explore pilgrimage. Using readings from the Bible, reflections from early pilgrims to Jerusalem, and contemporary understanding of pilgrimage, we will explore pilgrimage in our own lives. Above all, we will seek to be transformed as we set our sights on the empty tomb that awaits on Easter Day. All you need to bring is an inquiring mind and a copy of the Bible. All other materials will be provided.

The dates for "Walking to the Empty Tomb" are Thursday, February 18 and 25; and March 3, 10, 17. We will not meet the first week of Lent on Thursday, but rather our first "session" will be the liturgy on Ash Wednesday. See the calendar for service times.

Each session begins at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a simple supper at 6 p.m. and a service of the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 5:30 p.m. The evening concludes by 7:30 p.m.

There will be a children and youth centered program going on concurrently. See the "Walking with Jesus" announcement for more information on their program.

Walking with Jesus

This year, Ware will offer a children's and youth's midweek Lenten program during the adult program. While the adults are upstairs in the parish hall contemplating pilgrimage in their lives, children and youth will gather in the Sunday School rooms to explore the life of Jesus and how his life directs and guides our own. This will be a time of story telling, creativity, and, of course, learning about Jesus.

Like the adult program, "Walking with Jesus" begins at 6:30 p.m. Children and youth will be able to enjoy the simple supper with their family and friends in the parish hall before heading down stairs to being the program. See the announcement "Walking to the Empty Tomb" for more information about dates and times.

Walking the Way of the Cross

Join us on the Sundays in Lent for a special adult forum series on the Way of the Cross. Known also as the Stations of the Cross, this form of spiritual exercise complements many people's Lenten disciplines and serves as a regular reminder of the Passion our Lord bore to redeem us from the sin of the world.

The Way of the Cross marks 14 moments from the Passion of Jesus Christ beginning with his appearance before Pontius Pilate and concluding with the body of Jesus being placed in the tomb. For the five Sundays in Lent, we'll explore various stations on the Way of the Cross. We'll discuss their Biblical basis, their connection with tradition, and, most significantly, how they shape our own spiritual pilgrimage and understanding of Jesus' passion.

Each session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Christ Child and will conclude by 10:10 a.m. All materials will be provided. For more information contact the church office.

Opportunity for Daily Worship and Prayers in Lent



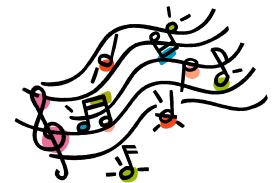
This Lent we will continue offering opportunities for daily prayer and worship. While not everyone will attend every weekday service offered, many choose adding a regular weekly service to their Lenten discipline. To make this as accessible as possible, there will be opportunities to worship at Ware Sunday – Thursday with take home resources for Friday and Saturday.

Our daily worship schedule begins the first full week of Lent, beginning Sunday, February 14. All services will be in the chapel. The daily worship opportunities are as follows:

Monday	Noonday Prayers at 12 noon.
Tuesday	Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. and Evensong at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

May these opportunities to worship strengthen your Lenten Disciplines.

From the Minister of Music



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Despite a few setbacks due to my health and the weather, I am pleased to report that the choir is busy at work preparing Lenten and Easter music.

I have heard a rumor that the great Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah may be heard in our beautiful Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Stay tuned. For the Wednesdays in Lent, we will be offering a Service of Evensong, which is a wonderful opportunity to spend a half hour away from the cares of the day and meditate on the mysteries of our faith. It will happen in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Evensong is an ancient prayer of the Church that is based on psalms, hymns, short collects pertaining to the Season, and an opportunity for a guided meditation based on an appropriate Lenten text. The intimacy of our Chapel will encourage the unique monastic style of looking at the face of Christ as reflected in our brothers and sisters. I encourage you to come and share with us.

I am planning a concert in the Spring at which I will play some of the familiar "chestnuts" of the organ repertoire, including the great organ *Toccata* from Widor's Organ Symphony. We will also offer a unique team presentation of Word and Music as I will team up with our Rector to share something most beautiful. Date to be announced, (when the sun is plentiful!). I hope to invite folks from other Churches to come by and experience our glorious organ, and share some fellowship after the concert.

Please remember to pray for me and the music ministry, and my door is always open.



Your Brother in Christ,
Michael

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be February 9, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Come and enjoy a dinner of pancakes, sausages, maple syrup, cooked apples, fresh fruit and yogurt. Cost will be \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Children or \$25 for a whole family. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 111. Ware Church is a sponsor of Troop 111 and this is our major fund raiser for them. Please tell your friends and come.



St. Tabitha's Guild



A gathering of people seeking to grow in faith as we use our hands to make prayer shawls, and other items for people in need of comfort and a reminder of God's love for them.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8/8:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.



NEW OUTREACH PROJECT:

During the **Spring Months**, members of St. Tabitha's Guild are invited and encouraged to make **cotton washcloths**. **Beginner knit and crochet washcloth patterns are available**. You may also choose your own pattern if you prefer.

More information about this outreach project will be announced next month. Ask Martha Ambrose for more information or let her know if you will participate in this project.



Sign up for the "St. Tabby's Yarns" email!

Email Martha at marthaarose@gmail.com to receive this bi-monthly email.

February Birthdays

If you wish for your birthday to appear in the monthly list,
please call the Church Office.



1 - Doug Dwoyer	12 - Mimi Ulsaker	22 - Kathryn Dykeman
1 - Mary Galloway	13 - John Kimberly	22 - Peter Worthington
4 - Joyce Blymyer	14 - Ed Hudgins	23 - Erin Jenkins
4 - Alexandra Richardson	15 - Jacob Ward	23 - Shelby Jenkins
4 - Lindsay Smith	16 - Justin Leigh	23 - Doug Wilt
5 - Sarah Ingles	17 - John Haracivet	24 - Carolyn Hicks
5 - Nell Jones	17 - Nancy Wilson	26 - Carey Beverly
5 - Jim Leigh	18 - Joanne Bartlett	27 - William Mitchell, III
6 - Sean Frye	19 - Robert Teagle	28 - Jeannie Teagle
7 - Betty White	20 - Katie O'Neil	
8 - Charles Johnston	20 - Rip Radcliffe	
8 - Kim Roj	20 - Hank South	
10 - John Galloway	20 - Holly Zuger	
10 - Robert Zullo	21 - Jessica Frye	
11 - Chris Denton	21 - Mary Lawrence	
12 - Donna DeShazo	21 - Kate Zullo	



Young Adult Community

The Young Adult Community (YAC) is an opportunity for young adults to meet for spiritual formation, refreshment, and engagement with the larger world around us. While the typical age range of a “young adult” is considered the 20s-30s, group welcomes anyone.

Submit questions, ideas, and RSVPs to our email address:

WareChurchYAC@gmail.com

Check out our facebook page – Ware Church YAC

Sunday, February 7
4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Before the big game, come enjoy a different kind of tailgating! The YAC gathering will enjoy “high tea” with scones as we spend time fellowshiping. We will meet in the Parish House. Hope to see you there!

Contact Meredith & Martha at the email address above for more information about YAC events!

Junior Choir – Change of Schedule for February 10

We will not have our regular dinner/rehearsal/activity on February 10. We will be joining the Senior Choir to sing for the Ash Wednesday Service. Arrive at 6:45 p.m. and put on your vestments in the hallway outside the Choir Room. We will go over to the church with the Senior Choir and join them on the hymns. You will receive 100 extra points for this service. Yes, you will still get candy 😊...probably something special.



Meetings This Month



Vestry
Monday
February 16
7 p.m.
Library

Healing Service and Prayer Group
Wednesday
February 3
10 a.m.
Chapel of the Christ Child

Women of Ware

All ladies are invited to join us at our meeting Monday, February 8 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Grant Ambrose, our beloved rector, will present the program.



Parish Youth Ministry and Jimmy Kilduff invite you to “An Hour of Code” event on Saturday, February 20 at Ware Church. The “Hour of Code” is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Computer science is a foundation for every student. Join us to help new learners start with one Hour of Code.

Bring your own device, tablet, or laptop, and Jimmy will help any PYM tween, Youth Group member, YAC, or in fact anyone, youth or adult, who wishes to attend, learn some code, and see how they can keep learning on their own. Class will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Why computer science? Every 21st-century student should have the opportunity to take part in creating technology that’s changing our world. The basics help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills, and prepare students for any future career. But most schools still don’t teach computer science.

No experience needed! Sign up by emailing jacqueline.kilduff@live.com. Learn more at <https://hourofcode.com/us>

February 2016 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 <u>Noon, Ch</u> Noonday Prayers <u>8 pm-PH</u> AA Women	2 <u>7 pm-HE</u> Presentation of Jesus at the Temple	3 <u>10:00 am</u> Healing Service & Prayer Group <u>5 pm, PH</u> Junior Choir <u>7 pm, PH</u> Senior Choir	4 <u>12:30 pm, PH</u> Rotary Club	5	6	
7 Last Epiphany <u>Regular Sunday Schedule*</u> <u>4 pm, PH</u> Young Adult Community	8 <u>10 am, PH</u> Women of Ware <u>8 pm, PH</u> AA Women	9 <u>5:30 pm</u> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	10 <u>6:45 pm, PH</u> Junior Choir <u>Noon, Ch</u> <u>7:00 pm, C</u> Ash Wednesday Services	11 <u>12:30 pm, PH</u> Rotary Club	12	13	
14 1 Lent <u>Regular Sunday Schedule*</u>	15 <u>Noon, Ch</u> Noonday Prayers <u>8 pm-PH</u> AA Women Office Closed	16 <u>9:30 am, Ch</u> Morning Prayer <u>7 pm, PH</u> Vestry <u>7 pm, PH</u> St. Tabitha's	17 <u>10 am, HE, Ch</u> <u>5 pm, PH</u> Junior Choir <u>6:30 pm, PH</u> Evensong <u>7 pm, PH</u> Senior Choir	18 <u>5:30 pm, HE, Ch</u> <u>6 pm, PH</u> Lenten Supper & Program	19	20 <u>10:30 am</u> Hour of Code with Jimmy Kilduff	
21 2 Lent <u>Regular Sunday Schedule*</u>	22 <u>Noon, Ch</u> Noonday Prayers <u>8 pm-PH</u> AA Women	23 <u>9:30 am, Ch</u> Morning Prayer	24 <u>10 am, HE, Ch</u> Feast of St. Matthias <u>5 pm, PH</u> Junior Choir <u>6:30 pm, PH</u> Evensong <u>7 pm, PH</u> Senior Choir	25 <u>5:30 pm, HE, Ch</u> <u>6 pm, PH</u> Lenten Supper & Program	26	27	
28 3 Lent <u>Regular Sunday Schedule*</u>	29 <u>Noon, Ch</u> Noonday Prayers <u>8 pm-PH</u> AA Women	Abbreviations C Church Ch Chapel PH Parish House					

*Regular Sunday Schedule for February

8:30 am	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
9:30 am	Adult Forum	7:00 pm	AA
10:15 am	Sunday School		

February 2016 Laity



Date	Feb. 7	Feb. 10	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Acolyte	Chris, Emma, & Luke James		Jack Teagle Jacob & Josh Ward	Alex Richardson Noah & Ethan Polley	Carter & Andie Hartley Meg Teagle
Chalicer	<u>8:30</u> Craig Monsen <u>10:30</u> Ann Brown	<u>Noon</u> <u>7 p.m.</u> Peg Moncure	<u>8:30</u> Mike Jenkins <u>10:30</u> Peter Teagle	<u>8:30</u> Kenny Richardson <u>10:30</u> Jane Smith	<u>8:30</u> Martha Ambrose <u>10:30</u> Tom Hay
Chancel Guild	Feb. 4 - 10 T#2 Susan Jenkins		Feb. 11 - 17 T#3 Bruce Forsberg	Feb. 18 - 24 T#4 Donna DeShazo	Feb. 25 – Mar. 2 T#5 Bobby Ray
Coffee Hour	Stephanie Hanson Nell Jones		Farm to Table	Vickie Leming	Sara Delo Jean Johnson
Counter	Paul Crook Judy Doyel		Anne Dyal Lewie Lawrence	John Howerton Woody James	Henry Moncure Tom Hay
Greeter	Ed James		Anne Dyal	Carole White	Diana & Paul Joyce
Reader	<u>8:30</u> Craig Monsen <u>10:30</u> Bill Whitley	<u>Noon</u> <u>7 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30</u> Mike Jenkins <u>10:30</u> Bruce Forsberg	<u>8:30</u> Beth Howerton <u>10:30</u> Fran Musick	<u>8:30</u> Martha Ambrose <u>10:30</u> Diana Joyce
Usher	<u>8:30</u> Sara Delo <u>10:30</u> Lloyd Ward Bill Whitley	<u>Noon</u> <u>7 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30</u> Blair Farinholt <u>10:30</u> Kenny & Debby Wiggins	<u>8:30</u> John Haracivet <u>10:30</u> Nancy Wilson Rick Zima	<u>8:30</u> Mike Jenkins <u>10:30</u> Lee Brown Newton DeShazo
Vestry On Duty	Paul Crook		Anne Dyal	John Howerton Woody James	Henry Moncure

Please arrange for your own substitute.